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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Nobuki MATSUI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1764
Application No. 09/831,508) Examiner: Thanh P. Duong
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For: APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING) Date: February 16, 2005
HYDROGEN GAS AND FUEL CELL
SYSTEM USING THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner for the following reasons.

Initially, Applicants wish to note that filed concurrently herewith are verified translations of Applicants' priority documents, namely Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-257186 and 11-257196 each of which were originally filed in the Japanese Patent Office on September 10, 1999. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-17 of the present application are fully supported by such applications and consequently are entitled to an effective filing date of September 10, 1999.